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Application of: C. Chen et al.  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/904,200  
Filed: July 11, 2001  
Entitled: METHODS OF PATTERNING PROTEIN  
AND CELL ADHESIVITY

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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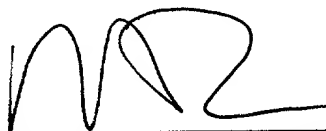
Applicants received a Notice of Incomplete Reply – Filing Date Granted (copy enclosed) dated April 4, 2002 for the above-identified application.

The Notice requests that Applicants provide a substitute set of drawings for the application. In response, Applicants submit herewith a substitute set of drawings.

Applicants also believe that substitution of this substitute set of drawings is fully timely, including because Applicants' prior response was clearly a *bona fide* response to the prior Notice to File Missing Parts. If necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time and/or determination of pendency. Please charge any fees that may be due to deposit account 04-1105.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 03/11/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/27/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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